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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Trip Report to North Base, Edwards, 3-6 Feb. 69

1. [ ] completed an Ops staff familiarization/coordination visit to North Base, Edwards, during the period 3-6 February 1969. Undersigned traveled with [ ] of DDS&T staff and escorted him to Edwards, since this was his first visit to that facility.

2. The following personnel were contacted at North Base:



3. The following is a resume of activity/discussions:

a. Since this was [ ] and my first visit to North Base facility, we were given a thorough walk through of all operating sections at Detachment G. This familiarization tour was conducted by [ ] and was done in an excellent, impressive and thoroughly professional manner.

b. Observed the preparation and countdown for the first leg of SWAP SHOP XI. This included a detailed briefing by [ ] and attendance at the pilot pre-takeoff briefing. Countdown continued normally until approximately two hours prior to takeoff when terminal weather (high winds) at Hickam caused a 24-hour delay.

USAF review(s) completed.

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Again observed the pre-takeoff preparation and actual takeoff the next day. Preparations, support and events all went well, culminating in an on-time takeoff for both the U-2 and KC-135.

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4. Items of discussion with [ ]:

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a. Reviewed Project Headquarters thinking that will be included in our tentative opplan for SCOPE SAINT II; this included:

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(3) ORI for Detachment G during this exercise; i.e., mount simulated ops mission 24 hours after arrival.

(4) Buddy U-2 across Atlantic versus going it alone.

(5) Pre-position whole detachment [ ] i.e., one or two days before arrival of U-2.

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b. [ ] receptive to all above with these comments:

(1) Prefers to "buddy" across water if on exercise. Agrees that U-2 can go it alone "if operational requirements dictate".

(2) All Phase I equipment can be loaded aboard C-141. This includes test equipment and new "erector set" engine roll back capability.

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(3) Prefers pre-positioned, responsive communications when U-2 and detachment arrives.

c. Discussed content of November [redacted] Commander's Report. [redacted] unaware of nature of some of the comments. Assured me of closer scrutiny in future prior to dispatch.

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5. Following actions are outstanding as result of trip:

a. Detachment G would rather confine Red Dot tests to C models only as long as possible; this in the interest of saving high priority R model sorties. Action -- SSD/R&D/OSA and IDEA/O/OSA.

b. Undersigned noted during SWAP SHOP XI that SAC unclassified RELAR messages from KC-135 aircraft commander enroute were coming into Detachment G addressed "AFFTC, Edwards AFB". See no need to include North Base on this message, since these messages are a SAC RCS requirement and of no value to Detachment G. Action -- AD/O/OSA.

c. Project Headquarters should define maximum U-2 takeoff delay in future SWAP SHOP ops orders. first blush it looks like thirty minutes might be number due to SAR effort, suppression, KC-135 clearance, etc.-- Action: IDEA/O/OSA, AD/O/OSA.

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6. Reported to Detachment G Thursday A.M., 6 February, for U-3 airlift [redacted] -- terminal weather forced cancellation of flight.

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Assistant Deputy for Operations

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Concurrence/Comment:

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[Redacted Signature]

Deputy for Operations

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Director of Special Activities

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